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1. THE EAST BERLIN PRESS HAS PUBLISHED THE
MAY DAY SLOGANS FOR 1978. THE SLOGANS REFLECT NO
SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN POLICY. REFERENCES TO THE 60TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER SOVIET REVOLUTION HAVE
BEEN REPLACED BY SLOGANS ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GDR. A SLOGAN NEW THIS YEAR STATES "PEOPLE
OF THE WORLD -- IN THE NAME OF LIFE -- PROHIBIT
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THE NEUTRON BOMB*" IN 1977, FOUR SLOGANS REFERRED
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE SOVIET UNION OR
THE CPSU; THIS YEAR THERE IS ONLY ONE (ALTHOUGH WE
ASCRIBE NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS
CHANGE.)

2. THERE IS AGAIN AN APPEAL TO ARTISTS AND WRITERS

TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY BUT THE GOAL OF CREATING
SOCIALISM REALISM HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.
AMONG

3. MOST STRIKING ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE IS THE
DELETION OF LAST YEAR'S SLOGAN ON FULFILLMENT OF THE
FIVE YEAR PLAN. WHILE IT IS TEMPTING TO SPECULATE
THAT THE OMISSION IS ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFICULTIES
IN FULFILLING FIVE YEAR PLAN GOALS AS ORIGINALLY
DRAFTED, WE DOUBT THAT THE GDR WILL SHRINK FROM
REVISING THEM WHEN NECESSARY; AND THE ABSENCE OF
A FIVE YEAR PLAN SLOGAN REMAINS UNEXPLICABLE. OTHER
SLOGANS TREATING THE TASKS OF VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL
GROUPS AND BASIC ECONOMIC POLICY LINES EXHIBIT NO
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM 1977.

4. IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIELD, GREETINGS TO
THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM ARE THIS YEAR BROTHERLY
INSTEAD OF BEING IN A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY (PRESUMABLY
A STEP UP). LAST YEAR'S SLOGAN ON URUGUAY HAS BEEN
DROPPED. FOR AFRICA, LAST YEAR'S GREETING TO
THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND GUINEA-BISSAU
(AND ALL LIBERATED PEOPLES OF AFRICA) NOW IS ADDRESSED
TO ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND ETHIOPIA. BOLEN

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